



PART 6: WAR & PEACE

Reading Romans is like the experience of a man groping in a dark church tower who reaches out to grab whatever he can – and grasps the rope that rings the bell that wakes up the entire community.

~ *Karl Barth*

If we do not arouse criticism for being lawless and possibly excusing sin, the likelihood is that we are not preaching Paul's gospel.

~ *John Stott*

As Jesus died in taking away the sins of the world, that, but doing sin to death, he might rise in righteousness, so too, when you go down into the water of baptism and are, in a fashion, entombed in the water as he was in the rock, you may rise again to walk in newness of life.

~ *Cyril of Jerusalem*

Remember that Christ did not die for thy sins that thou shouldst live still in them; neither cleansed he thee, that thou shouldst return as a swine unto then old puddle again; but that thou shouldst be a new creature and live a new life after the will of God and not of the flesh.

~ *William Tyndale (1526)*

Paul requires the same zeal from the convert as was present in him as a sinner. Once your hands were stretched to steal; now they are stretched out for you to be generous. Once your eyes looked at women or at something not your own with lust; but now they look at the poor, the weak and the helpless with pity. Once your ears used to delight in hearing empty talk; now they have turned to hearing the Word of God.

~ *Origen*

The gospel of Jesus Christ is an emancipation proclamation from the mastery of sin.

~ *Kenneth Boa*

Being a Christian means living from within a particular story. The story of coming out of slavery into freedom – with all the new puzzles and responsibilities that freedom brings! – is the story of the gospel. It is the story that all humans know in their bones they want to hear.

~ *N. T. Wright*

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
He sets the prisoner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availeth for me.

~ *Charles Wesley*

Love, and do as you please.

~ *Augustine*

I am not ashamed of the gospel.

~ *The Apostle Paul*